# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



# **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 9013**

October 27, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits any person licensed under a Department of Health (DOH) Division of Health Related Boards (HRB) from providing a COVID-19 vaccine to a minor without written consent from the minor's legal guardian. Establishes that the healthcare practitioner's license will be subject to disciplinary action by the corresponding licensing authority for any violations.

Effective July 1, 2022, requires each HRB to provide a quarterly report to the Commissioner of the DOH including the number of healthcare practitioners who violated these provisions and the subsequent actions taken.

Requires each HRB to promulgate emergency rules within 75 days of the effective date of this act to adhere to the provisions of this legislation.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

## Assumptions:

- According to the DOH website, the Mature Minor Doctrine permits healthcare providers
  to treat certain minors without parental consent. A physician is authorized to treat a
  minor between 14 and 18 years old without parental consent, unless the physician
  believes the minor is not sufficiently mature to make his or her own health care
  decisions.
- The proposed legislation will prohibit any person licensed under an HRB from providing a COVID-19 vaccine to a minor without parental consent, unless the minor has been emancipated.
- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact the policies and procedures of the HRBs. Any rulemaking or reporting required to adhere to the provisions of the legislation can be accomplished within existing resources.

# **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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